

## **I own a boat...**

### **How much is it going to cost me to ship my boat and trailer in my household goods shipment to my new duty station?**

When shipment of personal property involves a boat, the member's maximum entitlement is compared to the actual costs of the household goods and boat shipments. The maximum entitlement consists of the chargeable net weight of the household goods and the weight of the boat/trailer shipment in one lot at the household goods shipment rate. The method used by all uniformed services to determine any excess cost which might arise in connection with the movement of a boat/trailer are outlined in paragraph U5310 of the Joint Travel Regulations (JFTR). Paragraph U5310 stipulates the Government's maximum transportation obligation will not exceed the cost of one through household goods movement in one lot from and to authorized places at the lowest overall cost to the Government.

Almost every government arranged shipment of a boat requiring a onetime only (OTO) rate results in excess cost to the member. For example, a member requests the personal property office to arrange shipment of his 16 foot fishing boat weighing 500 pounds from one base to the next (let's say 2000 miles). Moving the boat may cost the government \$2,000, whereas moving 500 pounds of HHGs the same distance may only cost \$500. The \$1,500 difference is then charged to the member.

### **I am making a move at government expense within the states. I've heard you can now move a boat at government expense but it sounds confusing. Can you clear up the confusion?**

There are six options available to members who are shipping boats domestically. These are:

- Any boat less than 14 feet long without a trailer, and dinghies or sculls of any size, can be shipped as regular household goods under the normal domestic rates.
- Boats 14 feet or longer, or under 14 feet with a trailer, may be moved as household goods under a domestic one-time-only (OTO) rate negotiated by the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC). Service will be provided either by a tow away service or a commercial boat mover.
- Movements under the Do-It-Yourself (DITY) move program.
- Direct Procurement Method shipment, normally used only for small boats.
- Member may move the boat at personal expense and file a claim for reimbursement IAW JFTR U5320-D. Movement may be over water.

- If the boat qualified as a mobile home IAW the JFTR, Appendix A, the member may transport the boat over water as a self-propelled mobile dwelling in lieu of a HHGs shipment. Reimbursement would be IAW the JFTR, para U5510-B4.

**I would like to take my boat with me to my overseas duty station, what are my options to ship the boat?**

There are three options for international movement of boats.

- Any boat and/or trailer which fits into a standard overseas container and which is accepted by the carrier, may be shipped as household goods under the single factor rate in effect at the time of the shipment.
- Other boats may be moved as household goods under an international "One Time Only (OTO)" boat rate negotiated by the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC). In these cases the carrier will offer an OTO rate for the household goods and will offer a separate quote for the movement of the boat.
- Members may move the boat at personal expense and file a claim for reimbursement. Movement may be over water. In any case, contact the local personal property office for advice and assistance.

**I have a boat and have decided not to ship it overseas with me. What are my options in this case?**

There are two alternatives:

- The boat may be placed into non-temporary storage at government expense. The contractor will be entitled to a weight additive not to exceed the commercial tariff. An example would be 500 pounds weight additive for a 12-foot canoe. This weight additive will be included for all rate items that are authorized. Remember, in accordance with the JFTR, Vol. 1, para U5310-E, any weight additive will be considered as part of the net weight of the shipment and counts against the member's weight allowance.
- NOTE: Any special packing, crating, or handling MUST be paid by the member.
- The member may elect to arrange for storage at personal expense. Reimbursement can be quarterly or after withdrawal from storage only after the services have been completed. As an example, the member pays for storage for the months of January, February, and March, and then files for reimbursement in April. Payment will be limited to the actual cost of the storage, not to exceed the cost the government would have paid to store the same weight of household goods. Incentive payments are not authorized. Certified weight tickets will be required.

NOTE: Water storage of boats is not authorized at government expense.

REMEMBER: The governments responsibility is tied to the weight of the boat moved as household goods. All accessorial costs associated with the movement and shipment of the boat is the member's responsibility.